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ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL...	*374 Beds
BLAGRAVE BRANCH	64 "
"GREENLANDS" (Paying Patients)	23 "
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461 Beds	

* Including 50 beds held in reserve under E.M.S. Scheme.



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ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL

Patron :

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE KING.

Patroness :

HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY QUEEN MARY.

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Board of Management :

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THE TREASURER.

THE MEMBERS OF THE CONSULTING STAFF.

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E. A. UDALL
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MRS. BENYON
L. A. HACKETT, J.P.
THE VISCOUNTESS HAMBLEDEN

} Retire
in Mar.,
1946.
} Retire
in Mar.,
1947.
} Retire
in Mar.,
1948.

B. S. CLARK
F. T. SPRATLING
MISS E. M. SUTTON
CAPT. R. W. BRADLEY
B. LEAHY
COUNCILLOR W. McILROY
COUNCILLOR O. J. WEST
W. E. M. BLANDY
TALFOURD G. COOK, F.C.A.
A. LOCKWOOD
REV. A. R. VINE, M.A., B.D.,
B.Sc.

SIR ROBERT BLACK, BART., J.P. (On Active Service).

Reading :

} Retire
in March,
1946.
} Retire
in March,
1947.
} Retire
in March,
1948.

* Representatives of the Contributory Scheme—Country :

Camberley - J. H. THORPE.
Hungerford - THE REV. H. WARDLEY KING.
Mortimer - A. H. BAGGLEY.
Newbury - MRS. H. E. ADNAMS.
Pangbourne - F. F. PROSSER.

Thatcham - E. THATCHER
Fleet - THE REV. CROSBIE-OATES.
Wallingford - Vacant.
Wokingham - A. E. CHENERY.
Henley - MRS. E. CORDERY.

* Retire in 1946.

Officers of the Hospital for 1946—*continued.*

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Group 1 - L. H. HOBDAY.
Group 2 - J. DREW.

Group 3 - L. LESSER.
Group 4 - J. H. MORTON.

*Firms : E. J. DORE, A. G. RIDER.

Representatives of the Honorary Medical Staff :

L. POWELL, M.B., B.Ch. (<i>ex officio</i>). F. H.AITKEN-WALKER, F.R.C.S.	J. G. BIRD, M.D.
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* Representative of the British Red Cross Society :

L. NOEL SUTTON.

* Representative of the Reading and District Workpeople's Hospital Fund :

H. V. KERSLEY.

* Representatives of the Reading Borough Council :

W. H. BALE.
MRS. CUSDEN, J.P.

E. R. JACKSON, J.P.
ALDERMAN MRS. JENKINS, J.P.
F. H. LEWIS.

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E. W. REEVES.
MRS. JARVIS.

THE DOWAGER LADY MOUNT, O.B.E.
COL. J. NORMAN-WALKER.

* Retire in 1946.

Committees :

House Committee :

Acting Chairman : COL. J. NORMAN-WALKER, C.I.E.

THE PRESIDENT, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND THE TREASURER (*ex-officio*).

COL. J. NORMAN-WALKER.	} Retire in F. H. LEWIS.	} Mar., 1947. F. T. SPRATLING	} Retire in B. S. CLARK.	} E. J. DORE. MRS. BENYON. L. POWELL, M.B., B.Ch., (Representative of Medical Staff).	} Retire in Mar., 1949.
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Finance Committee :

Chairman : H. H. WILDER.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD (*ex-officio*).

W. E. M. BLANDY.	} Retire in F. W. NEALE.	} March, 1947. E. A. UDALL.	} Retire in B. LEAHY.	} F. F. PROSSER. B. S. CLARK. L. POWELL (Retires annually).	} Retire in March, 1949.
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Representative of the Berkshire County Council :

E. W. REEVES.

Representative of the Reading Borough Council :

W. H. BALE

Committees—continued.**Elective Committee :**

THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT and the following ELECTED GOVERNORS :

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COL. A. B. CLAYTON.

THE REV. HUGH BONSEY.
H. R. WHEELER.

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Assistant Secretary :

MRS. E. STRIDE.

Accountant :

J. H. KITCHEN, F.CCOMM.A.

Pharmacist :

E. A. BURTON, Ph.C., M.P.S.

Catering Officer:

Miss M. RHYS.

Almoner :

MISS A. E. PLATT.

Radiographer in Charge :

A. O. FORDER, F.S.R.

Chaplain : THE REV. C. BOURNE.

Honorary Free Church Chaplain : THE REV. E. J. WILLIS, B.D.

Honorary Roman Catholic Chaplain : REV. FATHER R. E. SCANTLEBURY.

Consulting Engineer : H. A. SANDFORD, M.A., A.M.I.Mech.E.

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Auditors :

BLAKE, ALLNATT & CRADDOCK.

House Governor :

H. E. RYAN, F.H.A.

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Consulting Physician and Cardiologist :

G. O. LAMBERT, B.A., M.D., B.Ch. (Cantab.), F.R.C.P. (Lond.).

Consulting Surgeons :

R. P. BROOKS, F.R.C.S. (Ed.).

E. A. DORRELL, F.R.C.S. (Eng.).

W. B. SECRETAN, M.B. (Lond.), F.R.C.S. (Eng.).

Consulting Obstetrician and Gynaecologist :

*C. B. BAXTER, O.B.E., T.D., M.B., Ch.B. (Ed.), F.R.C.S. (Ed.), M.R.C.O.G.

Consulting Adviser to the Orthopaedic Department :

G. R. GIRDLESTONE, M.A., B.M., B.Ch. (Oxon), F.R.C.S. (Eng.).

Physicians :

*H. S. LE MARQUAND, M.D. (Lond.), M.R.C.P. (Lond.).

*L. M. JENNINGS, M.D., M.R.C.P. (Lond.), D.P.H.

Surgeons :

F. H.AITKEN WALKER, M.A., M.B., B.Ch. (Cantab.), F.R.C.S. (Eng.).

*G. L. BOHN, M.B., B.S. (Lond.), F.R.C.S. (Eng.). (*On Active Service.*)

Aural Surgeon :

L. POWELL, M.B., B.Ch. (Cantab.).

Ophthalmic Surgeon :

G. T. W. CASHELL, M.B., B.S. (Lond.), F.R.C.S. (Ed.).

Assistant Physician :

*J. G. BIRD, B.A., M.D., B.Ch., B.A.O. (Dub.).

Assistant Surgeon :

*F. E. WHEELER, M.B.E., M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.), F.R.C.S. (Edin.).
(*On Active Service.*)

Assistant Obstetrician and Gynæcologist :

*A. N. HOOPER, M.A., M.B., B.Ch. (Cantab.), F.R.C.S. (Eng.).

Assistant Aural Surgeon :

*R. H. HUNT WILLIAMS, M.B., B.Ch. (Cantab.), F.R.C.S. (Edin.). (*On Active Service.*)

Anæsthetist:

*B. P. HILL, M.B., Ch.B. (Vict.), D.A. (Eng.).

Radiologist :

E. H. P. CAVE, M.B., B.S. (Lond.), D.M.R.E. (Cantab.).

Physician in Charge of the Dermatological Department :

*G. B. MITCHELL-HEGGS, M.D., F.R.C.P. (Lond.).

E. D. PAGE, M.B., B.S. (Lond.), M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.). (*Acting.*)

Medical Officer in Charge of the Electro-Therapeutic Department :

A. H. PRICE, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. (Dub.), M.D., D.P.H. (Dub.).

Surgeon in Charge of the Orthoptic Department :

G. T. W. CASHELL, M.B., B.S. (Lond.), F.R.C.S. (Ed.). (*On Active Service.*)

Medical Officer in Charge of the Psychiatric Department :

H. A. COOPER, M.D. (Psychiat.), M.B., B.S. (Lond.), D.P.M. (Eng.). (*On Active Service.*)

* *Temporary appointment for the duration of war.*

Medical Staff—continued.**Dental Surgeons :**

- D. T. G. DICKENS, L.D.S.
H. C. GOADBY, L.D.S.

Registrars :

Medical	-	-	W. J. TINDALL, M.D., B.S. (Lond.).
Assistant Medical	-	-	J. J. DAVIS, M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.).
Surgical	-	-	R. G. REID, M.B., B.S. (Lond.), F.R.C.S. (Eng.). (<i>On Active Service.</i>)
Assistant Surgical	-	-	VACANT.
Aural	-	-	S. F. LOGAN DAHNE, M.A., M.B., B.Ch. (Cantab.), M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.).
Cancer	-	-	VACANT.

Assistant Anæsthetists :

- M. F. MURPHY, L.R.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I.
DOROTHEA TAYLOR, M.D., B.S. (Lond.).
J. V. SHEMILT, M.B., B.S. (Lond.), M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.), D.A. (Eng.).

PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.**Director :**

- J. MILLS, M.D., Ch.B. (Vict.).

Assistant Pathologist :

- J. BRUCE, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B. (Glas.).

Bacteriologist :

- P. KIDD, M.B., B.Ch. (Cantab.), M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.).

Bio-Chemist :

- C. A. MAWSON, M.Sc., Ph.D. (Vict.).

Medical Officer in Charge of the V.D. Department :

- H. S. LE MARQUAND, M.D. (Lond.), M.R.C.P. (Lond.).

Radiotherapist :

- K. JOYCE MULVANY, M.B.B.S. (Lond.), D.M.R.

Clinical Assistants :

Ophthalmic	-	-	E. V. BEALE, M.D., B.Ch. (Cantab.). E. M. MACLACHLAN, M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.).
Aural	-	-	E. F. BARNARDO, M.B., B.S. (Lond.), F.R.C.S. (Edin.). A. J. REED, M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.).
Medical	-	-	F. E. E. SARGENT, M.D. (Lond.), M.R.C.S. (Eng.), D.P.M.
Pathological	-	-	J. E. BEATTY, M.B., B.Ch. (Dub.). W. H. H. JEBB, M.A., M.B., B.Ch. (Cantab.). G. A. JACKSON, M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.).
Dermatological	-	-	*E. E. WHEATLEY, M.B.E., D.F.C., M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.). P. W. F. McILVENNA, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. (Edin.). D. MUNRO-ASHMAN, M.B., B.S. (Lond.), M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.).

* On Active Service.

Resident Medical Staff :

RESIDENT SURGICAL OFFICER.—C. LATTO, M.B., Ch.B. (St. And.), F.R.C.S. (Edin.).

HOUSE PHYSICIAN.

FIRST HOUSE SURGEON.

RESIDENT ANAESTHETIST.

SECOND HOUSE SURGEON.

RESIDENT, BLAGRAVE BRANCH.

CASUALTY OFFICER.

HOUSE SURGEON TO OBSTETRICAL AND GYNAECOLOGICAL DEPARTMENTS.

THE 107th
Annual Report of the Board of Management
of the
ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL

For the Year ending 31st December, 1945.

With the return of peace and the prospect of release of men and women from the forces, the Hospital hopes as soon as possible to resume working on a peace-time basis.

On one occasion only during the War was heavy damage suffered in Reading as a result of enemy action, when in February, 1943, the Hospital dealt with a considerable number of casualties suffering from injury and shock, caused by high explosive bombs dropped in the course of an air-raid. Throughout the war the buildings of the main Hospital escaped damage and although the Blagrave Branch Hospital was less fortunate the damage sustained there was not extensive and no loss of life or injury resulted either to patients or staff.

The evacuation of London and many towns and villages in the South-east of England resulted in an increase of the civilian population in the area served by the Hospital, which at one time reached 50 per cent. This factor is reflected in the number of patients awaiting admission to the wards.

PRESIDENT.—On Tuesday, the 3rd July, at a Special Court of Governors, Mr. H. A. Benyon, the Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire, was unanimously elected President of the Hospital. In 1923 Mr. Benyon was appointed a Trustee and was elected Vice-President in 1935.

Mr. Benyon is the fourth member of his family to hold the office of President since the Hospital was opened in 1839.

Mr. H. T. Morley, who joined the Board in 1908 as representative of the Reading and District Workpeople's Hospital Fund Association, was unanimously elected a Vice-President.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.—The retirement from the Board of the Reverend J. A. G. Birch, who for fourteen years rendered valuable service as representative of the Contributory Scheme for Pangbourne, and of Mr. Eric Berry, is reported with regret.

Mr. F. F. Prosser and Mr. G. Talfourd-Cook have been elected to fill the respective vacancies.

VISITING MEDICAL STAFF.—Dr. G. B. Mitchell-Heggs took up his duties as Physician in charge of the Dermatological Department in August on his release from military service.

Both Dr. H. S. le Marquand and Mr. G. L. Bohn have been released from service commitments and returned to the Visiting Staff in the New Year (1946).

Mr. Cashell, Mr. F. E. Wheeler and Mr. R. H. Hunt-Williams are still serving with the forces.

The Board take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Wheeler, who has been mentioned in dispatches and awarded the M.B.E. (Military Division) for his work with the Field Services Unit in Italy.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF.—Mr. J. O. Goss, the Chief Pharmacist, retired at the end of the year, having completed 38 years' service. The Board place on record their high appreciation of the loyal and devoted services rendered by Mr. Goss for so many years. He leaves with the good wishes of all sections of the Hospital staff.

Mr. E. A. Burton succeeds Mr. Goss as Chief Pharmacist.

In October the Hospital lost the services of Mrs. Martin, who during her tenure of the post of Catering Officer was responsible for carrying out many improvements in the feeding arrangements for both patients and staff. Miss M. Rhys, who has been appointed to succeed her, has had considerable experience in Catering and Dietetics.

Miss W. Horrell has been appointed to succeed Mrs. Heywood as Assistant Almoner, and Miss M. Cleave has been appointed to the post of Occupational Therapist.

EXTENSIONS AND STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS.—The structural alterations in the Out-patients Department, to which reference was made in the last Annual Report, have now been completed, and a marked improvement in the working of the Department has resulted.

During the year the Board, on the recommendation of the Building and Planning Committee, has approved the following proposals for the extension and modernization of the Hospital buildings. Owing to the extreme urgency of improving the available accommodation in the Radiotherapy Department every effort is being made to proceed with Item 1 as soon as possible. Work on the remaining items will be put in hand as soon as the necessary permits can be obtained and labour becomes available :—

1. The erection of a permanent block of buildings in which the Radiotherapy Department will be temporarily housed and which will ultimately form a portion of the new Out-patients Department. Approximate estimated cost, £8,100.
2. The modernization of Benyon and Sidmouth Wards. Approximate estimated cost, £6,700.
3. Provision of staff lavatory accommodation. Approximate estimated cost, £390.
4. Installation of radiators in Library and Museum.

THE OPHTHALMIC DEPARTMENT.—Owing to shortage of staff, the Board were reluctantly compelled to close the Eye Wards at the end of July, until such time as adequate staff again becomes available.

The Royal Eye Hospital, London, and the Oxford Eye Hospital have very kindly undertaken to admit to their wards cases requiring in-patient treatment whenever accommodation is available.

THE SHORTAGE OF NURSES.—With the cessation of hostilities the necessity for reserving Benyon Ward for the reception and resuscitation of air-raid casualties was removed. Owing to the number of patients awaiting admission to the Hospital, the Board was anxious that the accommodation for 30 male surgical cases in this ward should be made available as soon as possible and though this would have imposed an additional burden on the already overworked surgical staff, the latter expressed their willingness to undertake the extra work in order to reduce the waiting list.

Unfortunately, owing to the acute shortage of Nursing Staff, none is available to take charge of this ward, which has therefore remained closed.

AMBULANCE BUREAU.—This was set up at the Hospital during the year and has worked very satisfactorily. The provision of an ambulance is guaranteed in suitable cases at any time of the day or night.

HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE.—At the end of July the Voluntary Car Pool organised by the Women's Voluntary Service ceased to operate. The British Red Cross Society, the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the Women's Voluntary Service have organised a Hospital Car Service whereby transport facilities are provided for sitting cases unable to provide their own transport. The Hospital is responsible for the charge of 3d. per mile which is in most cases recovered from the patients or those responsible for them.

CONTRIBUTORY SCHEME.—The Government's proposals in connection with a National Health Service, to which attention was drawn in the last report, have still to be made known. Throughout the past year the Scheme has carried on in an atmosphere of uncertainty as to the future. Notwithstanding this handicap they have succeeded once again in providing a larger sum than ever before to the Associated Hospitals. The Board take this opportunity of recording their congratulations and extending their thanks to the members of the Scheme Committee, Branch Committees, and especially to the many Voluntary Collectors for the outstanding success which has attended their efforts.

SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE.—The Committee presented a sum of £700 to be devoted to the New Out-patients Department Building Fund. To all members of the Committee and their helpers the Board record their best thanks.

A NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE.—All who are interested in the work of Voluntary Hospitals have for some time been deeply concerned as to the extent to which the Government's plans for a National Health Service will effect their future.

Though it will serve no useful purpose to discuss this problem until a definite statement of the Government's policy concerning the hospital services is made known, it must be clear to all that until such time as the new proposals are put into effect, responsibility for the service remains in the hands of those at present entrusted with this work.

Though the uncertainty regarding the future can only be regarded as a severe handicap, it is hoped that in the interests of the patients all sections of the community will continue to support the Hospital by every means in their power.

THANKS.—The Board record their sincere thanks for the services rendered by the following :—

The British Red Cross Society, Voluntary Aid Detachments, for once again servicing the Canteen in the Out-patients Department; Lady Sibyl and the Reading Townswomen's Guild, for the circulation of library books to the patients; the Women's Voluntary Service, for their timely help in the kitchen during times of acute shortage of staff; the Women's Voluntary Service Car Pool, whose Reading and County Organisations gave invaluable help by transporting patients to and from the Hospital; Mrs. Benyon, for organising Egg Weeks, and to the many helpers throughout the area served by the Hospital whose efforts resulted in the collection of 10,509 eggs and a sum of £221 19s. 4d.; the members of the Ladies' Linen League, who presented articles to the value of £105, together with a sum of £275; and the League of Remembrance, which has again rendered very valuable service in making dressings and bandages for the Hospital.

In addition, the Board record their thanks to all those who by their voluntary service or generous financial help have contributed to the welfare of the patients and to all individuals and organisations who have so readily continued to support the Hospital during the past year.

To maintain a high standard of work under existing conditions of shortage of labour and supplies is a matter of ever-increasing difficulty.

The Board takes this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the loyalty and devotion to duty with which the Medical, Nursing, Administrative and other staffs have carried out their work during the past year.

C. B. KRABBE,
Chairman.

OBITUARY 1945.

With deep regret the Board records the death of the following members, both of whom rendered valuable service to the Hospital. Their names will long be remembered :—

Lieut.-Col. W. P. Nash (Vice-President). Mr. H. J. Watson.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year ending 31st December, 1945.

You may remember that in the report I submitted to you last year I forecast an increase of 5 per cent. in expenditure and a fall in income from the Government under the Emergency Hospital Scheme. From this year's accounts it will be seen that my forecast was reasonably accurate. E.M.S. receipts are showing a sharp decline and, but for the purchase of a complete X-ray diagnostic set, the expenditure would have only been 5 per cent. above last year's total. However, I am glad to be able to report that the accounts for the year show a small surplus of Income over Expenditure.

INCOME.

The total Ordinary Income for the year amounts to £117,520. £5,270 reduction in income in amounts received from the Government is almost covered by the increase in Voluntary Gifts. The gifts from Mr. Allnatt of £2,000 and from Mrs. Cornell of £500 have helped to bring the total of Voluntary Gifts to £19,164, 27·99 per cent. higher than last year's figure.

Congratulations are again due to the Royal Berkshire and Associated Hospitals Contributory Scheme for their excellent contribution towards the ordinary income of the Hospital, an amount of £45,960, and an increase of £1,267 over last year. This constitutes a record and our best thanks are due to all members of the Contributory Scheme for achieving such an excellent result. (The percentage of Scheme In-patients was 45·09 per cent. and Out-patients was 60·29 per cent.)

Dividends show an increase of £471, which is 11·96 per cent. over last year's figure.

Apart from the ordinary income we received £3,273 from Legacies; £1,372 from the New Out-Patient Building Appeal, of which Colonel W. P. Nash donated £500. Colonel W. P. Nash also gave an endowment donation of £1,000 to name a bed in memory of his wife.

The following special donations and subscriptions are most gratefully acknowledged, together with many smaller amounts too numerous to mention in detail :—

		£	s.	d.
Vickers-Armstrong, Limited	Supermarine Hospital and Blind Fund	471	0	0
Scotcher, T. B. ...	...	400	0	0
Bracknell and District Produce Association	...	250	0	0
British Red Cross Society (Eli Lilly Endowment Fund of Indianapolis, U.S.A.)	...	250	0	0
Firewatchers of Broad Street	...	250	0	0
Winnersh Produce Association	...	201	1	0
Forest Division of Berkshire	...	200	0	0
Associated British Cinemas, Ltd.	...	196	9	8
St. Peter's Hill School, Caversham	...	122	0	0
Worthington, T. B. ...	...	100	0	0

EXPENDITURE.

Total Ordinary Expenditure amounts to £115,459, an increase over last year's figure of £10,038, that is 9·52 per cent. This has been due to an increase in expenditure in all categories with the exception of Provisions.

Provisions.—It will be seen that the main reduction in Provisions is in Groceries, the cost of which is £631 lower than the previous year; this is mainly due to economies effected in the Catering Department.

Surgery and Dispensary.—The main increase under this heading has been due to the purchase of a complete new X-ray diagnostic set to replace obsolete equipment, and also a new installation of bowl and instrument sterilizers for the Main Operating Theatre.

Domestic.—Coal and Coke, £8,225, represents the outstanding increase under this heading, being £1,080 higher than the previous year. The price of coal having been increased, and an inferior quality supplied resulting in increased consumption.

Salaries and Wages.—Increases under this heading are due in most cases to higher rates of pay and not to increased number of staff. The total average number of staff being 29 less than last year, 20 of which were Nursing Staff.

The cost of treating Road Accident cases during the past year was £1,302, and the amount recovered was £1,248 (£811 under the Road Traffic Acts and £437 from the Contributory Scheme).

The cost per In-patient has increased from £14 19s. 10d. to £15 8s. 1d., and the cost per Out-patient has increased from 14/11 to 17/1. The cost per In-patient day being now 17/- and per Out-patient attendance 3/4.

"Greenlands" Private Patients Account shows a small surplus of £8, after transferring £150 to an account for Deferred Repairs.

The Out-patients Department Canteen made a profit of £273, £250 of which has been transferred to the credit of Out-patients Extension Fund. Many thanks are due to the voluntary Red Cross helpers for their splendid work in running this canteen for the needs of Out-patients whilst waiting for treatment.

Convalescent Fund shows a surplus of £197 after an expenditure of £643 on instruments, £71 on travelling and miscellaneous payments for patients, £16 for relief for patients on leaving the Hospital, and £55 for maintenance of patients in Convalescent Homes.

Laundry Account shows a decrease in expenditure of £314 (although an increase in cost of £108 for fuel, power, light and water occurred), bringing the cost per 100 pieces washed from 12/10½ to 12/2.

During the year an Inventory and Valuation of Land, Buildings and Equipment was carried out by Messrs. Hampton & Sons and Messrs. Haslam & Son for insurance purposes. The Balance Sheet figure of £236,166 for Land, Buildings and Equipment, and Invested Property of £24,860, is very much under-valued.

I think that you will all agree that the considerable alterations to the present Out-patients and Casualty Departments just completed is a great improvement, the cost of which is not expected to exceed £2,798, the amount we have in hand for the work.

We end the year in a sound financial position and have earmarked £20,000 to make a start in modernising the existing buildings and wards.

BUDGET, 1946.

I anticipate a decrease in revenue from the Government Emergency Hospital Scheme of £7,000. Regarding the Ordinary Expenditure I hope it will be possible to keep the total down to nearly last year's figure, say, £116,000.

The net result is that we shall require a further sum of £6,000 in order to meet our current expenditure quite apart from any Capital Expenditure. If we are to make good, therefore, we shall have to raise by voluntary effort a further £6,000. Bearing in mind that the number of people who receive treatment at the Hospital over a period of five years exceeds the total population of Reading, this should not be such a formidable task as it appears. The way in which you all worked recently to clear the Hospital of debt is proof of your appreciation of the splendid work done at your Hospital for the relief of the sick and suffering. To adopt the attitude of "wait and see" means going downhill again. Whatever changes lie ahead as a result of the Government Scheme for a National Health Service, some years are bound to elapse before the change is in full operation. In the meantime, let us see to it that the improvement and modernisation of the Hospital, and the provision of the latest types of equipment, are maintained unhampered through the lack of funds. If, and when, the need for further financial support disappears (and I think it is unlikely for several years to come) we shall have a record to be proud of.

In order to be in a better position to meet the difficulties ahead, a special meeting of Governors was held on the 3rd October, 1945, when we launched the Royal Berkshire Hospital Welfare Association Scheme, through which you are all brought in closer contact with the Hospital. Already twelve branches of this Association have been formed, and I hope in the near future to be able to report the formation of many further branches. It is possible that in time to come these branches will form the only remaining link between the Hospital and the general public by which their views can be made known to those who happen to be in authority.

H. H. WILDER,
Treasurer.

ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL.

(374 Beds.)*

		1944.	1945.
Number of In-Patients admitted	...	6,183	6,468
Number of Beds in constant occupation	...	260.81	269.76
Number of New Out-Patients treated	...	17,681	18,048
Number of Casualty Patients treated	...	7,376	7,400
(included in above)			
Number of Out-Patient Attendances	...	97,177	91,320

BLAGRAVE BRANCH HOSPITAL.

(64 Beds.)

Number of In-Patients admitted	...	1,106	1,122
Number of Beds in constant occupation	...	48.96	51.63

Paying Patients Block. 'GREENLANDS.'

(23 Beds.)

Number of Patients admitted	...	576	536
Number of Beds in constant occupation	...	19.64	19.32

* Includes 40 Beds reserved under Emergency Medical Service Scheme.

VISITING DAYS.

ADULT PATIENTS.

Wednesday	2.30 p.m.
and	to
Saturday	3.30 p.m.
Sunday,	2.30-3.45 p.m.

CHILDREN.

Sunday, 2.30-3.30 p.m.
Parents or Guardians only are
permitted to visit Children
Patients.

Children under the age of 15 years are not permitted to visit in
the Children's Ward.

Visiting of patients in the Maternity Department is subject to
special restriction.

Income and Expenditure Account for EXPENDITURE.

1944.	ORDINARY.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
2,909	I. PROVISIONS.				2,851	17	0
1,908	1. Meat				1,925	2	9
1,544	2. Fish and Poultry				1,476	19	0
575	3. Butter, Bacon, etc.				648	12	1
3,465	4. Eggs				3,272	7	10
1,001	5. Milk				1,002	14	10
2,456	6. Bread and Flour				1,825	12	10
2,335	7. Groceries				2,368	8	9
137	8. Vegetables and Fruit				318	14	1
16,330							
	II. SURGERY AND DISPENSARY.				15,690	9	2
4,013	1. Drugs, Chemicals, etc.				3,406	0	1
1,765	2. Dressings and Bandages				1,723	13	2
3,608	3. Instruments and Appliances				6,561	1	10
26	4. Wines and Spirits				25	13	1
1,668	5. Salaries of Dispensing Staff				1,739	9	7
650	6. Sundries				1,377	6	10
11,730							
	III. DOMESTIC.				14,833	4	7
1,496	1. Renewals and Repairs of Furniture, Bedding, Linen, etc.				1,563	0	2
4,764	2. Laundry				4,466	5	1
712	3. Water				656	15	6
335	4. Cleaning and Chandlery				412	4	11
7,145	5. Fuel and Lighting—						
1,381	Coal and Coke				8,244	10	0
240	Gas				1,321	11	8
12	Electricity				352	1	3
377	Oil, Wood, etc.				9	11	11
328	6. Uniforms				561	14	6
16,790	7. Sundries				192	3	5
	IV. SALARIES AND WAGES.				17,779	18	5
4,332	1. Medical				5,403	3	9
19,989	2. Nursing				19,777	6	1
8,095	3. Other Officers and Employees				8,793	4	8
2,695	4. Mechanics				3,121	1	0
2,823	5. Porters				3,473	7	8
9,067	6. Domestic				10,284	6	9
584	7. Pensions				668	7	6
47,585							
	V. MISCELLANEOUS.				51,520	17	5
1,628	1. Printing, Stationery, Postages, Telephones, etc.				2,105	19	11
205	2. Advertisements				343	12	9
443	3. Insurances				528	9	2
396	4. Gardens				659	11	6
520	5. Ambulance Maintenance				722	9	11
235	6. Sundries				445	7	5
3,427							
	VI. ADMINISTRATION.				4,805	10	8
2,917	1. Salaries and Wages				3,440	16	8
515	2. Printing, Stationery, Postages, Telephones, etc.				408	12	5
8	3. Advertisements						
18	4. Law Charges				53	16	6
44	5. Auditors' Fees				46	14	6
213	6. Sundries				116	3	0
3,715							
	VII. ESTABLISHMENT.				4,066	3	1
3,880	Renewals and Repairs to Buildings and Plant (including £1,500 for Deferred Repairs)						
					4,416	9	7
	VIII. FINANCE.						
—	1. Bank Interest and Charges						
25	2. Trustees' Fees				25	0	0
684	3. Appeals				837	0	10
80	4. Rent				87	14	0
1,175	5. Rates and Taxes				1,396	5	2
1,964							
105,421	ORDINARY EXPENDITURE				2,346	0	0
	EXTRAORDINARY.						
	1. Fees for Valuation of Land, Buildings and Equipment				352	10	0
1,081	2. Donation towards Rest-Breaks House for Nurses				105	0	0
11,174	Transfer to Free Legacies, etc., for Investment and Improvement Account				2,801	7	8
1,514	" O/P New Building Appeal Account				1,371	16	0
—	" O/P Extension Fund				500	0	0
12,688							
119,190	TOTAL EXPENDITURE				4,673	3	8
9,221	BALANCE, BEING EXCESS OF TOTAL INCOME OVER TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR				120,589	6	7
£122,192	£122,192	16	2		1,603	9	7

the Year ended 31st December, 1945.

INCOME.

1944. ORDINARY.

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
I. VOLUNTARY GIFTS.											
6,190	(a) Annual Subscriptions		6,871	17	9						
5,441	Donations		6,503	8	6						
1,693	Box Collections		1,724	5	1						
961	Church Collections		1,077	0	8						
546	Parades		329	11	6						
141	Gifts in Kind		157	17	6						
—	Special Gifts		2,500	0	0						
14,972											
250	(b) Central Funds—League of Mercy .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..		..	..	..				300	0	0
7,624	(c) From Public Authorities—Berks, Bucks and Oxon Regional Council .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..		..	..	..				7,271	0	0
II. RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES RENDERED TO PATIENTS.											
(a) From Patients and their Societies—											
4,711	In-patients		4,855	19	6						
1,200	Out-Patients		1,250	0	9						
4,824	Pathological Fees		3,319	7	3						
10,735									9,425	7	6
Royal Berkshire and Associated Hospitals Contributory Scheme—											
24,570	Country		25,300	6	8						
20,123	Reading		20,660	2	6						
44,693									45,960	9	2
94	Other Contributory Schemes		14	17	0						
4	Less Paid to Honorary Medical Staff		3	14	3						
90									11	2	9
1,042	Reading Workpeople's Fund .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..		..	..	..				964	5	0
4	Approved Societies .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..		..	..	..				—
904	Road Traffic Cases .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..		..	..	..				811	7	6
136	Less Paid to Honorary Medical Staff .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..		..	..	..				121	14	1
768											
57,332									689	13	5
9,157	(b) From Public Authorities .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..		..	..	..				11,252	16	3
1,285	Less Paid to Honorary Medical Staff .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..		..	..	..				2,335	0	0
7,872											
									8,917	16	3
(c) Government Emergency Hospital Scheme—											
22,561	Contributions received during the year .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..		..	..	..				19,339	0	3
1,896	Less Paid to Honorary Medical Staff .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..		..	..	..				2,439	1	6
20,665											
92									16,899	18	9
									461	2	8
III. INVESTED PROPERTY.											
3,936	Interest, Dividends, etc. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..		..	..	..				4,407	7	6
428	Rents—"Greenlands" .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..		..	..	..		
559	Other properties .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..		..	..	..				918	8	6
4,923											
									5,325	16	0
IV. STATE GRANT.											
,993	Grant towards Rushcliffe Rates of Salaries for Nurses and Midwives (on account)								2,129	0	0

115,723

EXTRAORDINARY.

ORDINARY INCOME

117,519 12 6

5,571
3,139
2,464
1,514

Free Legacies (see page No. 21)
Debt Reduction Appeal
Centenary Appeal
New Out-Patients Buildings Appeal

3,273 7 1

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28 0 7

1,371 16)

4,673 3 8

£128,411

£122,192 16 2

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES.

1944. I SUNDY CREDITORS.							£ s. d.	£ s. d.
£	General Account ...	...	...	...	...	...	5,224 7 5	
6,381	Greenlands Account	242 8 9	
	Convalescent Account	57 10 3	
	Subscriptions paid in advance	202 2 0	
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							5,726 8 5	
II. ACCOUNTS CURRENT.								
1,487	Greenlands Account	1,200 16 3	
	Canteen Account	328 7 8	
	Convalescent Account	15 13 7	
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							1,544 17 6	
III. CAPITAL ACCOUNT.								
	(a) Hospital Endowments—							
61,998	Balance as at 31/12/44	61,997	11	9		
750	Add Capital cash on conversion			2	12	10		
	Additional Endowments	2,500	0	0		
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							64,500 4 7	
	(b) Special Funds	750 0 0	
	(c) Land, Buildings and Equipment—							
234,812	Balance as at 31/12/44	234,812	11	7		
	Additions during year	1,353	12	6		
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							236,166 4 1	
	(d) General Fund—							
97,206	Balance as at 31/12/44	97,206	1	8		
394,766	Less Transfer to Land, Buildings and Equipment...	1,353	12	6		
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							95,852 9 2	
	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	1,603	9	7		
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							97,455 18 9	
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							398,872 7 5	
IV. UNEXPENDED INCOME BALANCES OF SPECIAL FUNDS, Etc.								
374	(a) Canteen	396 16 10	
820	(b) Convalescent	...	...	...	...	...	1,016 14 9	
304	(c) Capital Suspense	...	...	...	...	...	304 9 6	
961	(d) Greenlands	...	...	...	...	...	968 11 7	
250	Ditto—Reserve for Repairs	...	...	...	...	...	400 0 0	
	(e) Out-Patients Extension Fund	...	...	2,047	15	0		
	Add—							
	Transfer from General Fund	500	0	0		
2,048	Transfer from Canteen Fund	250	0	0		
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197	(f) Radium	2,797 15 0	
56	(g) Superficial Therapy (transferred towards cost of new Equipment)	196 18 10	
	(h) General Reserve for Repairs	4,500	0	0		
4,500	Addition during year	1,500	0	0		
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778	(i) Reserve for X-Ray Equipment (transferred towards cost of new Equipment)	6,000 0 0	
50	(j) Nurses' Christian Association	...	...	...	...	...	50 0 0	
	(k) Out-Patients' New Building Appeal	1,514	0	9		
1,514	Addition during year	1,371	16	0		
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	(l) Free Legacies, etc., for Investment and Improvement Account	12,953	8	3	2,885 16 9	
12,953	Addition during year	2,801	7	8		
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							15,754 15 11	
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							30,771 19 2	
£427,439								<hr/>
							£436,915 12 6	

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Accounts with the Books and Vouchers of the Hospital and certify them to be correct and in accordance therewith.

We have verified the Securities and Bank Balances.

(Signed) BLAKE ALLNATT & CRADDOCK,
Chartered Accountants,

11th March, 1946.

25/26, Market Place, Reading.

The above Balance Sheet and Accounts were presented at the Annual Court of Governors held 26th March, 1946.

AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 1945.

ASSETS.

					£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1944.	I. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND.					
£	(a) Special Funds—					
	(i) Canteen	725	4	6		
	(ii) Capital Suspense	304	9	6		
	(iii) Convalescent	1,059	5	7		
	Ditto—Cash in hand	20	0	0		
	(iv) Greenlands	2,726	9	7		
	(v) Out-Patient Extension	2,047	15	0		
	(vi) Nurses' Christian Association ...	50	0	0		
6,868					6,933	4 2
	(b) General Fund—					
	Cash at Bank (Lloyds)	8,879	14	3		
	Ditto (Reading Savings)	11,112	15	1		
	Imprest Account	600	0	0		
	Petty Cash	150	0	0		
35,240					20,742	9 4
42,108					27,675	13 6
	II. SUNDAY DEBTORS.					
	General Account	16,481	0	3		
	Convalescent Account	10	13	0		
	Greenlands Account	85	7	0		
17,031					16,577	0 3
	III. ACCOUNTS CURRENT.					
	General Account	794	17	6		
	Out-Patients Extension Account	750	0	0		
1,487					1,544	17 6
9,607	IV. STOCKS OF UNISSUED STORES ON HAND	...	...	...	9,688	12 3
	V. INVESTMENTS.					
	(a) Hospital Endowments—					
	Securities	64,090	16	0		
	Property	400	0	0		
	Cash in Hand (Uninvested) ...	9	8	7		
61,998					64,500	4 7
750	(b) Special Funds—Securities ...	...	...	...	750	0 0
	(c) General Fund—					
	Securities	55,553	0	4		
	Property	24,460	0	0		
59,646					80,013	0 4
122,394					145,263	4 11
	VI. LAND, BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT.					
	Balance as at 31/12/44	234,812	11	7		
	Additions during year	1,353	12	6		
234,812					236,166	4 1
£427,439					£436,915	12 6

N.B.—Investments are shown at Market Value at time of acquisition.

Property, Land, Buildings, etc., are as valued in the Books of our Trustees, Messrs. Lloyds Bank Ltd., subject to expenditure on additions.

GREENLANDS (PRIVATE PATIENTS).

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended December 31st, 1945.

EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	INCOME.	£ s. d.
By Provisions	1,308 8 11	To Fees	7,321 18 5
,, Surgery and Dispensary ...	262 14 6		
,, Domestic	586 16 1		
,, Salaries and Wages ...	4,043 13 5		
,, Miscellaneous	150 10 10		
,, Administration	159 13 6		
,, Establishment (including £150 for Deferred Repairs) ...	374 0 0		
,, Finance	428 0 0		
,, Balance, being excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	8 1 2		
	£7,321 18 5		£7,321 18 5

Statement of Balances as at December 31st, 1945.

LIABILITIES.	£ s. d.	ASSETS.	£ s. d.
Sundry Creditors	242 8 9	Cash at Bank	2,726 9 7
Accounts Current—	1,200 16 3	Sundry Debtors	85 7 0
Capital Account.			
Balance as at 31/12/44 ...	960 10 5		
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	8 1 2		
	968 11 7		
Reserve for Repairs—			
Balance as at 31/12/44 ...	250 0 0		
Add Transfer ...	150 0 0		
	400 0 0		
	£2,811 16 7		£2,811 16 7

CAPITAL SUSPENSE ACCOUNT.

Statement of Balances as at December 31st, 1945.

LIABILITIES.	£ s. d.	ASSETS.	£ s. d.
Capital Account.			
Balance as at 31/12/44 ...	304 9 6	Cash at Bank—	
		Halford Fund ...	104 9 6
		'Cousins' Bequest	200 0 0
			304 9 6
	£304 9 6		£304 9 6

CANTEEN ACCOUNT.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended December 31st, 1945.

EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	INCOME.	£ s. d.
By Groceries	142 2 10	To Receipts	588 7 10
,, Bread and Cakes	118 17 3		
,, Milk	39 17 1		
,, Hardware and Crockery ...	14 1 7		
,, Cleaning	3 0		
,, Stationery	11 6		
,, Transfer to O.P. Extension Fund	250 0 0		
,, Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	22 14 7		
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	£588 7 10		£588 7 10

Statement of Balances as at December 31st, 1945.

LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.
Accounts Current—	
General Account 78 7 8	Cash at Bank
O.P. Extn. Fund 250 0 0	725 4 6
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Capital Account.	
Balance as at 31/12/44 ... 374 2 3	
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year... 22 14 7	
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	396 16 10
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	£725 4 6
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	£725 4 6

OUT-PATIENTS EXTENSION FUND.

Statement of Balances as at December 31st, 1945.

LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.
LIABILITIES.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Capital Account.	
Balance as at 31/12/44 ... 2,047 15 0	Cash at Bank
Add Transfer from General Fund ... 500 0 0	2,047 15 0
Add Transfer from Canteen Account ... 250 0 0	500 0 0
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	Canteen Account
	250 0 0
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	2,797 15 0
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	£2,797 15 0
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	£2,797 15 0

CONVALESCENT FUND.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended December 31st, 1945.

EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	INCOME.	£ s. d.
By Relief on Leaving	15 13 7	To Subscriptions	10 6
,, Surgical Appliances ...	642 13 1	,, Donations	72 6 7
,, Maintenance of Patients in Convalescent Homes ...	54 17 9	,, Interest on Investments ...	36 4 4
,, Travelling and Miscellaneous Payments for Patients ...	71 7 7	,, Receipts collected by Almoner for Appliances, Convalescence, etc.—	
,, Balance, being excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	197 0 10	Patients	609 0 5
		Approved Societies ...	88 12 3
		Charitable Sources ...	27 4 9
		Public Authorities ...	122 9 0
		Contributory Schemes...	25 5 0
	£981 12 10		£981 12 10

Statement of Balances as at December 31st, 1945.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Sundry Creditors	£ s. d.	Cash at Bank	£ s. d.
Account Current	15 13 7	Cash in Hand	20 0 0
Capital Account.		Sundry Debtors	10 13 0
Balance as at 31/12/44 ...	819 13 11		
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year... 197 0 10			
	1,016 14 9		
	£1,089 18 7		£1,089 18 7

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTIES owned by the Hospital

at Dec. 31st 1945, as valued in the Books of our Trustees, Messrs. Lloyds Bank Ltd.

		£ s. d.
36 Princes Street	... ... ... ...	800 0 0
34 Princes Street	... ... ... ...	400 0 0
32 Princes Street	... ... ... ...	300 0 0
" Greenlands," Redlands Road, Reading	... ... ... ...	7,500 0 0
79 Watlington Street, Reading	... ... ... ...	490 0 0
Land at Langley Hill, Tilehurst	... ... ... ...	2,370 0 0
" Linden," 4 Craven Road	... ... ... ...	1,500 0 0
" Craven Villa " and " St. Denys," 6-8 Craven Road	... ... ... ...	2,800 0 0
" Melrose Villa," East and West, 71-73 London Road	... ... ... ...	5,000 0 0
" Thirlmere," 2 Craven Road	... ... ... ...	1,200 0 0
24-26 Princes Street (Endowment)	... ... ... ...	400 0 0
38 Elm Road, Reading	... ... ... ...	2,100 0 0
		£24,860 0 0

LAUNDRY ACCOUNT
for the Year Ended 31st December, 1945.

										£	s.	d.
1.	Salaries and Wages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,820	7	9
2.	Board, Uniforms and other allowances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	276	13	4
3.	Materials, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	324	9	3
4.	Fuel, Power, Light and Water	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,107	5	5
5.	Renewals and Repairs to Machinery and Plant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	16	3
6.	Insurance of Machinery, Plant and Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	0	0
7.	Rates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53	0	0
8.	Sundry	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	10	0
Total Net Expenditure										<u>£4,654</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>

Allocated as follows :—

		£	s.	d.
General Fund	...	4,466	5	1
Greenlands (Private Patient's Block)	...	187	16	11
		<u>£4,654</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>

STATISTICS OF COST.

Average number of pieces washed weekly	...	...	...	...	...	...	14,708
Cost per 100 pieces washed	...	...	...	...	...	...	12s. 2d.

THE ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL.

Schedule of Investments as at December 31st, 1945.

NOMINAL VALUE. £ s. d.	HOLDING.	FREE FUNDS.		ENDOWMENT FUNDS.	
		NOMINAL VALUE.	MARKET VALUE AS AT 31/12/45.	NOMINAL VALUE.	MARKET VALUE AS AT 31/12/45.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
BRITISH GOVERNMENT STOCKS :					
11,673 7 5	4% Consolidated Loan, 1957, Inscribed ..	1,730 5 10	1,888 3 8	9,943 1 7	10,850 7 8
1,759 8 5	4% Funding Loan, 1960/1990 ..	—	—	1,759 8 5	1,988 2 11
1,146 13 7	3½% Conversion Stock, 1961, or after ..	213 0 0	225 15 7	933 13 7	989 13 11
7,833 7 9	3½% War Stock, 1952, or after ..	1,589 9 3	1,637 2 11	6,243 18 6	6,431 4 10
6,497 17 10	3% Local Loans ..	—	—	6,497 17 10	6,335 8 11
7,349 14 8	3% Funding Loan, 1959/69 ..	—	—	7,349 14 8	7,459 19 7
1,481 6 8	3% Guaranteed Stock Inscribed ..	—	—	1,481 6 8	1,451 14 1
7,465 0 0	3% Savings Bonds, 1960/70 ..	5,545 0 0	5,628 3 6	1,920 0 0	1,948 16 0
2,020 0 0	3% Defence Bonds (2nd Series) ..	520 0 0	520 0 0	1,500 0 0	1,500 0 0
3,714 16 1	2½% Consolidated Stock ..	305 3 5	280 15 2	3,409 12 8	3,136 17 3
851 17 5	Ditto (Convalescent Fund) ..	—	—	851 17 5	783 14 5
781 15 0	2½% National War Bonds, 1952/54 ..	391 15 0	395 13 4	390 0 0	393 18 0
500 0 0	2½% National War Bonds, 1945/47 ..	500 0 0	500 0 0	—	—
BRITISH CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC BOARDS :					
1,013 16 10	Reading Corporation 4½% Stock, 1951/61 ..	1,013 16 10	1,105 1 9	—	—
490 13 2	Reading Corporation 3½% Inscribed Stock ..	—	—	490 13 2	510 5 8
112 14 3	Reading Corporation 3% Inscribed Stock, 1962 ..	—	—	112 14 3	109 6 7
1,064 9 2	Birmingham Corporation 4½% Stock, 1948/68 ..	—	—	1,064 9 2	1,128 6 6
495 0 0	Sheffield Corporation 3½% Red. Deb. Stock 1953 ..	—	—	495 0 0	519 15 0
488 19 0	South Shields Corporation 4½% Red. Stock, 1952/62 ..	—	—	488 19 0	528 1 4
974 6 6	Bristol Corporation 3½% Stock, 1961/66 ..	—	—	974 6 6	1,042 10 9
976 2 2	London County Consolidated 3½% Stock, 1952/62 ..	—	—	976 2 2	1,005 7 10
964 18 3	Metropolitan Water Board (Staines Reservoirs) 3% Guaranteed Stock ..	—	—	964 18 3	950 8 9
1,397 0 0	London Passenger Transport Board 4½% "A" Stock ..	—	—	1,397 0 0	1,683 7 9
COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS :					
3,014 18 3	Commonwealth of Australia 3½% Stock, 1965/69 ..	—	—	3,014 18 3	3,014 18 3
200 4 0	Commonwealth of Australia 3½% Stock, 1956/61 ..	—	—	200 4 0	200 4 0
2,250 13 0	Commonwealth of Australia 3% Stock, 1955/58 ..	—	—	2,250 13 0	2,250 13 0
879 3 5	New South Wales 5½% Stock, 1947/57 ..	—	—	879 3 5	905 10 11
528 17 2	New Zealand 3½% Inscribed Stock, 1963/65 ..	—	—	528 17 2	544 14 6
20,000 0 0	Commonwealth of Australia 3% Stock, 1944/6 ..	20,000 0 0	20,000 0 0	—	—
RAILWAYS (HOME) :					
1,800 0 0	Great Western Railway 5% Consolidated Preference Stock ..	1,800 0 0	1,998 0 0	—	—
3,263 0 0	Great Western Railway Guaranteed Stock ..	3,263 0 0	3,866 13 1	—	—
5,173 0 0	London, Midland & Scottish Railway Company 4% Preference Stock, 1923 ..	3,273 0 0	1,832 17 7	1,900 0 0	1,064 0 0
1,851 0 0	London & North Eastern Railway Company 4% Debenture Stock ..	—	—	1,851 0 0	1,906 10 7
1,675 0 0	London & North Eastern Railway Company 3% Debenture Stock ..	—	—	1,675 0 0	1,457 5 0
7,870 0 0	Southern Railway 5% Preference Stock ..	5,470 0 0	6,071 14 0	2,400 0 0	2,664 0 0
4,137 0 0	Southern Railway Preferred Ordinary Stock ..	4,137 0 0	2,978 12 10	—	—
RAILWAYS (INDIAN) :					
471 0 0	East Indian Railway Annuity, Class "B" ..	254 0 0	5,397 10 0	217 0 0	4,611 5 0
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL :					
1,000 0 0	San Marcos & Pinos Co., Ltd., Debentures of £100 each ..	1,000 0 0	—	—	—
240 0 0	Lloyds Bank Ltd. "A" Shares, £5 each, £1 paid ..	240 0 0	720 0 0	—	—
6 0 0	Lloyds Bank Ltd. "B" Stock ..	6 0 0	8 14 0	—	—
20 0 0	Dunlop Plantations Ltd. 6% Cumulative Preference Shares, £1 each ..	20 0 0	30 0 0	—	—
177 0 0	Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. Ordinary Stock ..	177 0 0	360 12 9	—	—
44 5 0	59 National Savings Certificates ..	44 5 0	44 5 0	—	—
115,654 5 0		51,492 15 4	55,489 15 2	64,161 9 8	69,366 9 0

Wards Beds and Cots Named in Perpetuity.

The sum required to Name a Bed in perpetuity is ... £1,000

The sum required to Name a Cot in perpetuity is ... £500

Wards and Beds.

No.	Year.	Name of Bed.	Ward.	Named by
1	1897	" Huntley & Palmer " Ward	—	Messrs. Huntley & Palmers Ltd.
2	1903	" Mary Hall Pocock " ...	Adelaide	Miss M. H. Pocock
3	1903	" Martha Penelope Leggatt "	Adelaide	Miss M. P. Leggatt
4	1912	" Douglas Johnson " Ward	Eye	Mrs. Elizabeth R. Johnson
5	1912	" Mrs. Elizabeth Rebecca Johnson "	Eye	Miss E. A. Slatter
6	1914	" Charles Stephens " ...	Sidmouth	Mrs. S. L. Stephens
7	1915	" Bruce Allfrey " ...	Benyon	Mrs. J. A. Bruce
8	1916	" Jack Ritson " ...	Benyon	Dr. and Mrs. Ritson
9	1918	" Dugdale Astley " ...	Sidmouth	Mr. and Mrs. H. D'O. W. Astley
10	1919	" Ernest William Ridley " ...	Benyon	Mrs. Ernest Ridley
11	1920	" Amy Hissey " ...	Victoria	Miss Hissey
12	1921	" United Services " ...	Sidmouth	Ex-Servicemen of Reading
13	1922	" Maryon Shore " ...	Adelaide	{ Mrs. Anne Toppin
14	1922	" Jessie "	Adelaide	{ Mrs. Elizabeth Davies
15	1923	" Robert Hewett " ...	Sidmouth	Mr. Hugh Hawkins
16	1923	" Howard Palmer " ...	Benyon	Mr. C. E. Hewett
17	1923	" William Dyke " ...	Adelaide	Mr. William Howard Palmer
18	1923	" The Luard Bed " ...	Benyon	Mr. William Dyke
19	1923	" William McIlroy Ltd. " ...	Victoria	Mrs. Luard and Family
20	1925	" Wargrave " ...	Adelaide	Messrs. McIlroy, Ltd.
21	1928	" Michael Bernard Secretan " ...	Benyon	Sir Keith Elphinstone, K.B.E.
22	1928	" M.A.H. " ...	Adelaide	Mr. W. B. Secretan, F.R.C.S.
23	1929	" Emma Dyke " ...	Victoria	" Anonymous "
24	1929	" James Royle " ...	Benyon	Miss Emma Dyke
25	1930	" Ancient Order of Druids " ...	Benyon	The Sportsmen of Reading
26	1930	" Mary Elsley Newbery " ...	Victoria	Royal Berkshire Lodge
27	1931	" Frank Cooksey " ...	Benyon	Mr. Arthur Newbery
28	1931	" P. O. Watson " ...	Benyon	Mrs. Alice Cooksey
29	1933	" Wokingham Hospital Committee " ...	Sidmouth	Mr. P. O. Watson
30	1934	" Arthur Newbery " ...	Victoria	Wokingham Hospital Committee
31	1936	" William James Wakelin " ...	Blagrave Branch	Mr. Arthur Newbery
32	1937	" Charles H. Palmer " ...	Huntley & Palmer	Mr. W. J. Wakelin
33	1937	" Alice Ridley " ...	Benyon	Mrs. Charles Palmer
34	1937	" The Reading & District Licensed Trades' Protection and Benevolent Association " ...	—	Mrs. Ernest Ridley
35	1940	" Ancient Order of Druids " ...	Sidmouth	The Association
36	1940	" Mrs. Walter May " ...	Benyon	Royal Berkshire Lodge
37	1941	" Wm. John Day Venner " ...	Nuffield I.	Mr. C. E. Hodgkin (Executor)
38	1942	" Reading Fire Guards " ...	Nuffield II.	The late Miss Florence Elsie Venner
39	1943	" John and Louisa Wooberry " ...	Victoria	Reading Fire Guards
40	1943	" James Fish " ...	Nuffield I.	Mr. F. G. Ashman } Execu-
41	1944	" Lawrence " Memorial	Nuffield I.	Mr. G. F. Attwood } tors.
42	1944	" Lawrence Hignett " ...	Nuffield I.	Special Needs Committee.
43	1945	Mable Nash ...	Nuffield II	The late Miss Matilda Lawrence.
				Trustees of Settlement.
				The late Col. W. P. Nash, J.P.

No.	Year.	Name of Bed.	Ward.	Named by
44		" Binfield "		Binfield.
45		" The Seventh Marquis of Downshire "		Her Stepson, in Memory of Evelyn Downshire.
46		" Frieth "		Frieth.
47		" Employees of G.W.R. "		Employees of G.W.R.
48		" Henley "		Henley.
49		" Pangbourne and Tidmarsh " "	Nuffield II.	Pangbourne and Tidmarsh.
50		" Peppard and Kidmore End "		Peppard and Kidmore End.
51		" Reading Jewish Community "		Reading Jewish Community.
52		" Reading Sportsmen's "		Reading Sportsmen.
53		" Dr. Shea "		Anonymous.
54		" Streatley "		Streatley.
55		" Woodley and Sandford "		Woodley and Sandford.
56		Kate Allnatt	Nuffield I	Mr. P. Allnatt.
57		Beatrice Eleanor Allnatt	Nuffield I	Mr. P. Allnatt.

Cots.

No.	Year.	Name of Cot.	Ward.	Named by
1	1912	" Thomas Howard Beet "	Children's ...	Mr. Charlotte Harvey
2	1914	" Miss Theresa de Gournay Miller, M.B., B.S. " ...	"	Her Brothers and Sisters
3	1918	" Leonard Kingham " ...	"	Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kingham
4	1922	" Arthur Hennis Perrott "	"	Lady Perrott
5	1925	" Berkshire Operatic Club "	"	Berkshire Operatic Club
6	1931	" The Nurses' Cot " ...	Blagrave Branch	Past and Present R.B.H. Nurses
7	1933	" Edwin Harvey " ...	Children's ...	Edwin Leonard Harvey
8	1933	" Mrs. Peel, Wargrave "	"	Her Sons and Daughters
9	1935	" James Herbert Benyon "	"	His Farm Tenants
10	1936	" G. F. G. Purvis " ...	"	Mrs. Purvis
11	1938	" Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Crispe "	"	Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Crispe
12	1938	" James Henry Stephens "	"	Messrs. Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Executors
13	1938	" The Robin Cot " ...	"	Miss Vera C. Palmer
14	1939	" F. A. Sarjeant " ...	"	Special Needs Committee
15	1941	" Wm. Fredk. Fouracre Venner "	"	The late Miss Florence Elsie Venner
16	1942	" Reading Fire Guards "	"	Reading Fire Guards
17		" Bradfield "	"	Bradfield.
18		" California in England, Ltd "	"	California in England, Ltd.
19		" Earley "	"	Earley.
20		" East Reading Wardens "	"	East Reading Wardens.
21		" Goring "	"	Goring.
22		" H. & G. Simonds " ...	"	Messes. H. & G. Simonds.
23		" Henley "	"	Henley.
24		" Huntley & Palmers, Ltd. Employees " ...	"	Employees of Messrs. Huntley & Palmers, Ltd.
25		" Mapledurham " ...	"	Mapledurham.
26		" Metalair, Ltd., Wokingham "	"	Metalair, Ltd.
27		" Reading Borough Spec's "	"	Reading Borough Specials.
28		" Reading Jewish Community "	"	Reading Jewish Community.
29		Reading and District Master Butchers' Assoc."	"	Reading and District Master Butchers' Association.
30		" Reading Post Office Staff "	"	Reading Post Office Staff.
31		" St. John's Coffee Stall "	"	The Committee of St. John's C.E.T.S. Coffee Stall.
32		" St. Mary's, Reading "	"	In Memory of A. C. Bartholomew.
33		" Lady Edward Somerset "	Blagrave Branch	Herbert and Peter Blagrave.
34		" Stratfield Mortimer " ...	Children's ...	Stratfield Mortimer.
35		" Sutton "	"	Sutton and Sons, Ltd.
36		" Thatcham "	"	Thatcham.
37		" Wokingham "	"	Wokingham.
38		" Woodley and Sandford "	"	Woodley and Sandford.
39				
40	1945	Hilda and Geoff ...	Blagrave Branch	Mrs. A. E. Smith, Caversham.

IN THE INTERESTS OF ECONOMY THE FULL LIST OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS, DONATIONS CHURCH COLLECTIONS, ETC., HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT. THE DETAILED LISTS MAY BE SEEN AT THE HOSPITAL.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Annual Subscriptions	6,871	17	9
Donations	6,503	8	6
Box Collections	1,724	5	1
Church Collections	1,077	0	8
Hospital Parades	329	11	6
Legacies	3,273	7	1

CONVALESCENT FUND.

Subscriptions	10	6	
Donations	72	6	7

CENTENARY APPEAL FUND	28	0	7
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**LEGACIES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED
31st DECEMBER, 1945.**

<i>The Late :</i> —	<i>Free Fund.</i>			<i>Endowment Fund..</i>		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mrs. M. B. Rudd	18	9	—
Mrs. L. E. Berry	394	1	1
Mrs. R. J. Groves	174	17	3
Miss M. Gabb	50	0	0
Mr. R. Wetherall	100	0	0
Mrs. D. F. Pulvermacher	10	0	0
Mrs. L. Brown	18	0	0
Sir W. J. Jury	2,250	0	0
Mr. J. Lewington	20	0	0
Mr. T. May	10	10	0
Mr. H. Goddard	100	0	0
Mr. G. Watkins	100	0	0
Mr. E. H. Fullbrook	20	0	0
Mrs. M. Fowler	25	0	0
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	£3,273	7	1	£1,500	0	0

STATISTICAL TABLES.

Statistics for Year ended 31st December, 1945, compared with those of the previous Year.

I.—IN-PATIENTS.

A.—NUMBER OF BEDS AND IN-PATIENTS.

I.—ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL, READING.

		Numbers in 1944.	Numbers in previous year.
1.	Total number of available Beds on 31st December ...	*†323	*364
2.	Average number of available Beds during the year ...	343.59	*360.98
3.	Average number of Patients resident daily throughout the year	269.76	260.81
4.	Number of In-Patients in the Hospital at beginning of year	278	243
5.	„ „ „ admitted during year	6,468	6,183
6.	„ „ „ in the Hospital at the end of the year	244	278
7.	Average number of days each Patient was resident ...	15.14	15.51

* These figures include Beds (A) reserved under the Emergency Medical Service Scheme.

† This figure excludes 51 beds closed owing to shortage of staff.

II.—BLAGRAVE BRANCH HOSPITAL, CALCOT.

		Numbers in 1945.	Numbers in previous year.
1.	Total number of available Beds on 31st December ...	64	74
2.	Average number of available Beds during the year ...	62.59	71.54
3.	Average number of Patients resident daily throughout the year	51.68	48.96
4.	Number of In-Patients in the Hospital at beginning of year	41	46
5.	„ „ „ admitted during year (included in Royal Berks Hospital admissions)	1,122	1,106
6.	„ „ „ in the Hospital at the end of year	48	41
7.	Average number of days each Patient was resident ...	16.9	16.13

MOTOR AMBULANCE.

- I. The Ambulance is available for the conveyance of In-patients who are members of the Contributory Scheme and application in such cases should be made to the Resident Medical Officer.
- II. When circumstances permit, the Ambulance is available for cases other than the above. Application must be made to the House Governor and the nature of the illness or accident must be stated. No infectious case will be undertaken. A charge of 1/- per mile (minimum 10/-) will be made, except to members of the Contributory Scheme.
- III. If a Nurse be sent with the Ambulance, an additional charge of 10/6 will be made.

ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL,
including the

BLAGRAVE BRANCH HOSPITAL.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

For Year ended 31st December, 1945, compared with those of the previous year.

I.—IN-PATIENTS : (a) Number of Beds and In-Patients.

II.—OUT-PATIENTS : (a) Numbers.

	Numbers in 1945	Numbers in previous year	Numbers in 1945	Numbers in previous year
1. Total number of available Beds on 31st December	438	438	1. Total number of new Out-Patients	... 18,048 17,681
...			2. Total number of Out-Patient Attendances	91,320 97,177
2. Average number of available Beds during the year	406.18	432.52	(a) Number of Patients on books at beginning of year	... —
...			(b) Number of Casualty Patients included in No. 1 above	... 7,400 7,376
3. Average number of Patients resident daily throughout the year	321.39	309.77		
4. Number of In-Patients in the Hospital at the beginning of year	319	289		
5. Number of In-Patients admitted during the year	*6,468	*6,183		
...				
6. Number of In-Patients in Hospital at the end of the year	292	319		
7. Average number of days each Patient was resident	18.06	18.42		

* All patients admitted to the Branch Hospital are transferred from the Royal Berkshire Hospital : their admission is therefore counted once only.

STATISTICAL TABLES—*continued.*

(a) Annual Expenditure on In-patients and Average Cost of each In-patient per week, and Average Cost of each In-patient.

		1945.			PREVIOUS YEAR.		
	Expenditure on In-patients.	Average Cost of each In-patient per week.			Average Total Cost of each In-patient.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1. Provisions (including Board of Staff)	14,713	17	7	2	5	3	2
2. Surgery and Dispensary	9,872	11	9	1	10	5	1
3. Domestic	16,323	19	6	2	10	4	2
4. Salaries and Wages (Maintenance)	45,867	2	14	9	7	1	19
5. Miscellaneous	4,119	4	11	12	8	0	1
6. Administration	3,253	3	10	10	0	0	0
7. Statistical Cost	94,147	5	12	4	14	9	11
8. Establishment—Renewals and Repairs	3,864	4	7	11	11	2	3
Finance	2,033	2	5	6	3	2	2
Total Cost	100,044	5	19	4	15	8	1

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(b) Annual Expenditure on Out-patients and Average Cost of each Out-patient Attendance and of each Out-patient.

		1945.			PREVIOUS YEAR.		
	Expenditure on Out-patients.	Average Cost of each Out-patient Attendance.			Average Total Cost of each Out-patient.		
	£	Pence	£	Pence	£	Pence	£
1. Provisions (including Board of Staff)	977	2.57	12.99	2.51	13.79	13.79	
2. Surgery and Dispensary	4,961	13.04	65.97	10.45	57.44	57.44	
3. Domestic	1,457	3.83	19.37	3.22	17.71	17.71	
4. Salaries and Wages (Maintenance)	5,654	14.86	75.19	11.51	63.28	63.28	
5. Miscellaneous	686	1.80	9.12	1.21	6.65	6.65	
6. Administration	813	2.13	10.81	1.83	10.09	10.09	
7. Statistical Cost	14,548	38.23	193.45	30.73	168.96	168.96	
8. Establishment—Renewals and Repairs	552	1.45	7.34	1.20	6.58	6.58	
Finance	313	0.82	4.16	0.61	3.33	3.33	
Total Cost	15,413	40.50	204.95	32.54	178.87	178.87	

ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL

THIS EXPLAINS

how the Hospital may increase its income from annual subscriptions by 82 per cent. without entailing any additional personal cost to subscribers.

Each subscriber who completes the attached agreement and returns it to the Treasurer, Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, will INCREASE THE HOSPITAL'S INCOME BY AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 82 PER CENT. OF THE SUBSCRIPTION, AT NO EXTRA PERSONAL COST OR OBLIGATION.

The agreement is terminable by death so that an estate will *not* be liable for subsequent payments.

The Hospital will pay the necessary stamp duty on the Deed of Covenant and will send each year to the subscriber the required Certificate of Deduction of Income Tax.

The following table shews the benefit accruing to the Hospital from these agreements, so long as the Income-Tax remains at 9/- in the £1.

I. Amount of Subscription to be paid by Subscriber.	II. Amount recovered by Hos- pital from Inland Revenue.	III. Amount credited to Sub- scriber in Subscription List.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1 1 0	17 2	1 18 2
2 2 0	1 14 4	3 16 4
3 3 0	2 11 6	5 14 6
4 4 0	3 8 8	7 12 8
5 5 0	4 5 10	9 10 10
10 10 0	8 11 9	19 1 9
21 0 0	17 3 6	38 3 6

NOTE.—The Secretary will gladly supply figures for other subscriptions on application.

FORM OF AGREEMENT

I,.....

of.....

HEREBY COVENANT with THE TREASURER of THE ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL, READING, that for a period of seven years from the date hereof, or during my life, whichever period shall be shorter, I will pay annually to the said Hospital, such a sum as will, after the deduction of income tax leave in the hands of the Hospital a net sum of *£ : : , such sum to be paid from my general fund of taxed income, so that I shall receive no personal or private benefit in either of the said periods from the said sum of *£ : : or any part thereof.

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this

.....day of....., 19...

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED by the said

In the presence of

Signature.....

Address.....

Occupation.....

* Please insert the actual amount of your subscription and NOT the amount that the Hospital will receive after the Income Tax has been recovered.

ALMONER'S REPORT, 1945.

The past year has been full of activity, particularly in the field of social work, as a result of the increase in the number of patients referred to the Department by the Medical and Nursing Staffs. As we are chiefly concerned in making it possible for patients to obtain full benefit from the treatment prescribed for them, we are once again most grateful to these Staffs for their co-operation and help.

It is not really possible to estimate the work of the Almoner's Department by statistics, but the following figures will serve to show the direction in which our activities lie.

Number of In-patients interviewed	...	...	...	5,781
Number of Out-patients interviewed	...	...	...	11,287
ASSISTANCE GIVEN :—				
Surgical Appliances	...	...	...	565
Convalescence	...	...	...	102
Fares	...	...	...	99
Transport	...	...	...	1,765
Transfer to Special Hospitals and Institutions	...	...	...	62
Labour Exchange Rehabilitation Officer	...	...	...	15
Referred to Voluntary Agencies. (British Legion, S.S.A.F.A., Reading Dispensary Trust, etc.)	...	...	...	41
Clothes	...	...	...	5
Home Visits	...	...	...	12
Other Help	...	...	...	361

The admission of Service patients is not part of our work, and does not appear as a separate item in the figures given. We are responsible, however, for the provision of surgical appliances, transport, arrangements for subsequent attendance in the Out-patient Department and general welfare of these patients. Once again, the assistance given by the Ministries of Health and Pensions, the British Legion and Welfare Organisations has been most valuable.

Special mention must be made of the transport service. Until July 31st, the W.V.S. Volunteer Car Pool System served us most faithfully, and there was great dismay when it was heard that this would cease to function at the end of the month. It is with gratitude I report that, owing to a scheme for a Hospital Car Service, sponsored by the joint organisations of the W.V.S., British Red Cross Society and the St. John Ambulance Brigade, we were not left in a dilemma as to the method of getting our patients to and from the hospital. This new system started on August 1st, and offered transport by car at a small charge based on mileage only. Part of the cost is recovered from the patients and other sources; the rest is borne by the hospital. As this is the only method of transport possible for many of the patients, we cannot speak too highly of the H.C.S., nor of the drivers who give up so much of their time, and I am glad of this opportunity to express my gratitude.

During the course of our work, particularly in the last six months, several problems have been brought to our notice. Amongst the most important and acute are the after-care of elderly people, the case of the unmarried mother and unwanted baby, alarming overcrowding and bad housing conditions. We have done all we can to alleviate distress, but it is often an uphill and discouraging fight. There seems little or no provision for the care of elderly people who no longer require hospital accommodation and yet have no one at home to look after them. Even when some of them are recommended for transfer to an institution it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain vacancies owing to shortage of institutional beds and staff. For many, institutional treatment is unnecessary and, though much has been done to assist in their after-care, the problem is one of which we are acutely aware.

The Moral Welfare Workers are to be thanked for their assistance with unmarried mothers. Sometimes it has been possible to reinstate the girl in her home with the baby, or to find employment where both mother and child may be accommodated. When necessary, the adoption of the child has been arranged. In this connection, I would also like to thank the Relieving Officers and the N.S.P.C.C. for their ready assistance and co-operation.

It is no news that housing is in the forefront of to-day's social problems and, until many of our patients are better housed, we cannot hope for greater improvements in health. It is not surprising that complete recovery is retarded when a patient, whose condition

necessitates rest and quiet, must sleep in the same room as four other members of the family, or the family with a delicate child must share an already overcrowded house with one in which there is tuberculosis. Sometimes it is not possible to do more than report these cases to the Housing Department or to show the patient appreciation of the position, but we hope that the time is not far distant when it will be possible for these, and many more priority claims to be met.

Much of our home-visiting, in and around the district, has been undertaken by Welfare Officers who have given most valuable help, but we are looking forward next year to developing, in our own Department, this and the after-care side of the work.

During the year we have had visits from several sociology students eager to see an Almoner's Department at work, and perhaps I can best sum up in the words of one student, "It is quite obvious that an Almoner does not have a chance to stagnate."

In conclusion, I would like to thank all who have given so much ungrudging help on behalf of the patients for, without their assistance and co-operation, it would have been difficult to accomplish so much.

A E PLATT,
Almoner.

MEDICAL REPORT.

							<i>1944.</i>	<i>1945.</i>
Admissions	...	...	...	...	...	...	792	824
Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	...	117	66
Deaths within 48 hours	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	29
Number of New Out-patients	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,789	1,890

W. J. TINDALL, *Medical Registrar.*

SURGICAL REPORT.

			<i>1944.</i>	<i>1945.</i>
Total admissions to Surgical Wards	...	...	5,391	5,641
Total of operations ...	...	...	4,807	4,114
General surgical cases...	...	...	2,802	2,903
Gynaecological cases ...	...	...	670	555
Military cases ...	...	...	233	263
Greenlands cases	...	...	230	210
Minor operations	...	...	866	183
Total deaths in Surgical Wards	...	...	153	133
Deaths within 48 hours	...	...	43	46
Deaths after 48 hours	...	...	110	87

PHYSIOTHERAPEUTIC DEPARTMENT.

			<i>1943.</i>	<i>1944.</i>
In-patients—				
Treated	...	...	134	156
Treatments given	...	...	949	1,371
Out-patients—				
New cases	...	...	1,599	1,366
Treatments concluded	...	...	999	1,154
Attendances	...	...	25,562	21,820
Treated by massage	...	...	131	123
Treated by galvanism, faradism or radiant heat	...	...	294	170
Treated by galvanism, faradism or radiant heat and massage	...	...	1,013	709
Treated by diathermy	...	...	48	70
,, injections	...	...	141	116
Class Exercises	...	...	—	198
Occupational Therapy	...	...	—	14
Treatments completed by Class Exercises	...	...	—	345
Treatments completed by Occupational Therapy	...	...	—	10

The number of out-patients has diminished as it was impossible to give necessary treatment on account of the greatly depleted staff.

Work carried out by the remaining staff much increased.

A. HENRY PRICE, *Medical Officer in Charge.*

PATHOLOGICAL REPORT.

			<i>1945.</i>	<i>1944.</i>	<i>1943.</i>
Royal Berkshire Hospital investigations	...	...	10,045	10,829	10,530
Greenlands investigations	...	...	387	303	322
V.D. Clinic investigations	...	...	1,175	1,254	1,267
Other investigations—					
Private patients	...	...	1,537		
Other hospitals	...	...	346		
Public authorities	...	...	3,922		
Forces	...	...	454		
		—	6,259	4,584	2,270
Post-mortem examinations	...	...	91	93	73
Branch Laboratories :—			17,957	17,063	
Battle Hospital	...	...	1,250	1,616	
Berks and Bucks Joint Sanatorium	...	...	3,061	3,163	
		—	22,268	21,842	14,462
Work expressed as units :—					
Royal Berkshire Hospital	...	...	109,510	98,030	
Battle Hospital	...	...	10,391		
Berks and Bucks Sanatorium	...	...	11,032		
		—			

BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE.

			<i>1945.</i>	<i>1944.</i>
<i>Sent away :</i>				
To Central Bank, Oxford	...	...	548	
Newbury District Hospital	...	...	6	
Slough Depot	...	...	3	
		—	557	3,017
<i>Bottles used in Reading.</i>				
<i>Patients :—</i>				
240 Royal Berkshire Hospital	...	...	1,316	
27 Battle Hospital	...	...	111	
9 Greenlands	...	...	37	
35 Private	...	...	125	
6 Berkshire County Council	...	...	27	
5 County Borough of Reading	...	...	26	
		—	1,642	1,593
<i>Bottles rejected</i>	...	...	23	11
<i>Total donors bled</i>	...	...	2,222	4,621
		—		

The diagnostic activities of the laboratory for 1945 show a slight increase over 1944, whether assessed by specimens examined or by units of work done.

The blood transfusion service is in process of transition from a wartime to a peace-time basis. With the cessation of hostilities in Europe the collection of blood for preparation of dried plasma ceased, and the whole of the bleeding of donors during the second half of 1945 has been for use as whole blood in the transfusion of patients in the Reading area. The volume of blood used for this purpose shows a slight increase on the 1944 consumption. Our very special thanks are due to the donors who have continued to respond to calls for blood after hostilities ceased, though most of them volunteered originally as wartime donors. It is hoped that we will in due course be able to write and thank all donors personally for wartime service, and invite them to enrol on the National Blood Donors' Register.

Our thanks are also due to voluntary helpers for much assistance, without which the service could not have been given.

J. MILLS,
Pathologist.

X-RAY DEPARTMENT.

The following is the report for the year ended December 31st, 1945, as compared with that of 1944 :—

RADIOGRAPHIC DEPARTMENT.

													<i>Increase.</i>	<i>Decrease.</i>
Patients	...	In-patients	...		1945.		1944.							
		Out-patients	...		1,136		1,253							
					6,543		6,089							
						7,679		7,342			337			—
Attendances	...	In-patients	...		2,487		2,415							
		Out-patients	...		8,674		8,679							
						11,161		11,094			67			—
Films	14/14.	15/12.	11/14.	12/10.	10/8.	1/1.	6/15.	6/12.	9/12.	1/2.	D			
	330.	3,305.	210.	4,882.	3,063.	5,734.	1,161.	471.	1,935.	1,361.	712.			
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	23,164		19,729				3,435			—
Barium examinations	...	...	...		865		755				110			—
Cholecystograms	...	...	...		145		151				—			6
Intravenous examinations	...	...	...		193		176				17			—

PAUL CAVE, Medical Officer in Charge.

RADIOTHERAPY DEPARTMENT.

													<i>1944.</i>	<i>1945.</i>
NUMBER OF CASES TREATED BY X-RAYS.														
In-patients	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6		41	
Out-patients	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65		239	
											71		280	
NUMBER OF CASES TREATED BY RADIUM					...	...	...	...	...	...	9		51	
NUMBER OF ATTENDANCES.														
In-patients	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58		443	
Out-patients	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	451		1,641	
											509		2,084	
ATTENDANCES AT " FOLLOW-UP " CLINIC					...	...	...	...	...	...	167		1,655	

Early in 1945 we received a grant of 171 milligrammes of radium on loan from the Radium Commission, as a result of which it has been possible to continue radium treatments to Carcinomas of Cervix and elsewhere through the year during the time the Hospital radium has been away for reloading.

The Hospital radium has been reloaded this year in entirely new platinum containers, and with the radium content differentially loaded to give even dosage along the entire length of each needle. We are thus the first hospital in England to have our radium stock brought into line with the latest research in this subject.

Plans have been drawn up and approved for a large new Radio-Therapy Department, including an Operating Theatre, a Mould Room and a Physics Department in addition to three Treatment Rooms, and we have been promised active help from the Radium Commission in overcoming permit and labour difficulties.

Finally, we are recognised as a centre for the treatment of cancer, in conjunction with Oxford and Northampton.

*K. JOYCE MULVANY,
Radiotherapist.*

EAR, NOSE AND THROAT DEPARTMENT.

								1944.	1945.
OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT.									
New Patients	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,789	1,820
IN-PATIENTS.									
Admitted	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,442	1,813
OPERATIONS.									
Tonsils and Adenoids	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	948	1,254
Mastoid	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	44
Sub-mucus Resection of Septum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	81	66
Radical Antra	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	33
Tonsillectomy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	225	244
Laryngectomy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	30
Oesophagoscopy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	—
Bronchoscopy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	4
Tracheotomy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Other Operations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	199	116
Total number of Operations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,553	1,792

It will be seen from the above figures that the work of the Department is heavy, and that the numbers of patients dealt with are comparable to those of a big London hospital.

The staff of the Department have been greatly helped in the absence of the House Surgeon by the great efficiency and hard work of the Sister in charge of King Edward Ward and especially for her skill in the aural theatre, where there is an operating list every day except Fridays and Sundays.

S. F. LOGAN DAHNE, *Aural Registrar.*

CARDIOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

	In-Patients.	Out-Patients.	Private Patients.
1945	...	20	142
1944	...	36	23
1943	...	16	29
1942	...	22	26
1941	...	54	23

J. G. BIRD, *Medical Officer in Charge.*

OPHTHALMIC DEPARTMENT.

		1944.	1945.
Admissions as In-patients	...	234	140
Operations	...	136	70
Casualties treated	...	1,123	895
New Out-patients	...	1,307	1,501
Voluntary Hospitals Ophthalmic Clinic—Patients treated	...	188	160

Owing to difficulty in obtaining an Ophthalmic Sister the Eye Wards and Theatre were closed on 28th July.

The Out-patient Department has been maintained throughout the year.

E. ARTHUR DORRELL, *Consulting Ophthalmic Surgeon.*

ORTHOPTIC DEPARTMENT.

		1944.	1945.
New Patients	...	103	105
Number of Attendances	...	3,388	3,104
Operations	...	12	12
Cases discharged cured	...	35	42

H. CAIGER-SMITH, *Orthoptist.*

TOWNS and VILLAGES

from which Patients attended in 1945.

READING (including Caversham, Tilehurst and Whitley).—Totals—In-Patients, 2,534 ; Out-Patients, 4,621 ; Casualties, 4,525.

BERKSHIRE.—Totals—In-Patients, 1,987 ; Out-Patients, 2,930 ; Casualties, 1,571.

	I.P.	O.P.	Cas.		I.P.	O.P.	Cas.		I.P.	O.P.	Cas.	
Abingdon	..	—	1	1	Farley Hill	..	6	7	11	8	8	12
Aldbourne	..	—	2	—	Finchampstead	26	33	10	Sindlesham	..	1	—
Aldermaston	..	11	12	4	Frilsham	..	—	2	Snelsmore	..	33	57
Aldworth	..	9	14	1	Frogmore	..	1	—	Sonning	..	1	3
Arborfield	..	20	33	31	Grazeley	..	7	18	Spencers Wood	35	52	80
Ascot	..	7	3	6	Great Shefford	2	5	—	Stanford Dingley	2	2	6
Ashampstead	..	8	12	2	Hamstead				Stockcross	..	2	1
Barkham	..	10	11	14	Marshall	..	—	2	Streatley	..	8	20
Basildon	..	18	15	6	Hampstead Norris	3	15	—	Sulham	..	—	1
Bearwood	..	2	7	7	Hare Hatch	..	3	4	Sulhamstead	..	11	18
Beech Hill	..	4	—	6	Hermitage	..	7	13	Sunningdale	..	2	—
Beedon	..	1	4	—	Holypot	..	—	—	Swallowfield	..	33	33
Beenham	..	9	22	9	Hungerford	..	22	24	Thatcham	..	56	121
Binfield	..	41	40	33	Hurley	..	—	—	Theale	..	44	66
Blewbury	..	1	—	—	Hurst	..	29	25	Three Mile Cross	8	28	22
Boxford	..	2	2	—	Inkpen	..	5	10	Tidmarsh	..	5	1
Bracknell	..	22	48	25	Kintbury	..	14	28	Tutts Clump	..	5	7
Bradfield	..	24	39	23	Knowl Hill	..	6	7	Twyford	..	69	115
Bray	..	1	1	—	Lambourn	..	23	24	Ufton Nervet	..	2	5
Brimpton	..	11	10	6	Leckhampstead	2	3	—	Upper Culham	..	—	1
Bucklebury	..	2	27	—	Littlewick	..	4	3	Virginia Water	..	—	1
Burchett's Green	2	1	—	Maidenhead	..	32	34	Wallingford	..	10	10	
Burghfield	..	69	87	69	Midgham	..	9	15	Waltham St.			
Calcot	..	18	26	19	Mortimer	..	54	106	Lawrence	..	5	21
Chaddleworth	..	1	1	—	Moulsoford	..	4	6	Wantage	..	2	2
Chieveley	..	3	8	—	Newbury	..	155	292	Warfield	..	—	1
Cholsey	..	20	10	6	Owlsmoor	..	5	5	Wargrave	..	24	58
Cold Ash	..	28	30	8	Padworth	..	9	20	Warren Row	..	—	1
Compton	..	16	16	3	Pangbourne	..	39	59	Wash Common	..	—	2
Cookham	..	1	4	—	Peasemoor	..	—	1	West Ilsley	..	4	7
Crowthorne	..	66	93	42	Pingewood	..	—	2	White Waltham	..	5	5
Curridge	..	3	4	—	Pinkneys Green	1	—	—	Windsor	..	—	6
Didcot	..	7	2	—	Purley	..	21	32	Winkfield	..	1	—
Donnington	..	—	1	—	Remenham	..	5	1	Winnersh	..	45	56
Earley	..	126	200	156	Riseley	..	9	8	Wokefield	..	3	—
Eastbury	..	2	5	1	Ruscombe	..	4	4	Wokingham	..	237	323
East Garston	..	—	3	—	Sandhurst	..	37	41	Woodhay, East	—	1	—
East Ilsley	..	7	7	7	Shaw	..	4	—	Woodhay, West	—	2	—
Embrook	..	—	1	3	Shinfield	..	45	51	Woodley	..	131	147
Enborne	..	—	1	—	Shottesbrook	..	—	2	Woolhampton	..	8	16
Englefield	..	4	6	9	Shurlock Row	5	9	—	Yattendon	..	13	20

HAMPSHIRE.—Totals—In-Patients, 386 ; Out-Patients, 563 ; Casualties, 145.

	I.P.	O.P.	Cas.		I.P.	O.P.	Cas.		I.P.	O.P.	Cas.	
Aldershot	..	1	1	1	Greywell	..	1	2	1	..	1	—
Alton	..	2	—	—	Hannington	..	2	4	—	Ramsdell	..	3
Andover	..	3	2	—	Hartley Wespall	—	—	2	—	Rotherwick	..	6
Ashford Hill	..	—	1	—	Hartley Wintney	18	44	1	Sherborne	..	—	
Basingstoke	..	47	86	13	Hawley ..	..	5	4	1	St. John	..	3
Baughurst	..	7	7	—	Headley	..	4	8	—	Sherfield-on- Loddon	..	13
Blackwater	..	20	27	5	Heckfield	..	14	12	1	Silchester	..	11
Bramley	..	10	12	11	Highclere	..	3	4	—	Southampton	..	1
Bramshill	..	—	1	—	Hook ..	..	10	26	2	Stratfieldsaye	..	1
Burghclere	..	5	13	1	Ibworth	..	1	1	—	Stratfield Turgis	..	13
Chineham	..	—	4	2	Kingsclere	..	19	20	4	Tadley ..	..	24
Cove	..	1	2	—	Little London	..	6	2	3	Turgis Green	..	1
Crondall	..	4	5	—	Long Sutton	..	1	—	3	Upton Grey	..	1
Crookham	..	6	23	—	Mattingley	..	8	8	—	Warnborough, N. and S.	..	4
Dogmersfield	..	—	1	—	Micheldever	..	—	—	1	Whitchurch	..	16
Echinswell	..	6	6	—	Newnham	..	—	2	—	Winchfield	..	12
Elvetham	..	1	2	—	Newton Stacey	—	—	—	—	Wolverherton	..	2
Eversley	..	17	18	13	Odiham	..	22	39	11	Woolton Hill	..	5
Ewshot	..	—	3	—	Old Basing	..	—	1	—	Yateley ..	..	5
Farnborough	..	6	—	—	Overton	..	—	1	—	..	18	2
Fleet	5	36	Pamber ..	..	24	22	18	..	20	16

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.—Totals—In-Patients, 73 ; Out-Patients, 91 ; Casualties, 17.

	I.P.	O.P.	Cas.		I.P.	O.P.	Cas.		I.P.	O.P.	Cas.	
Aston Clinton ..	1	—	—	Fingest	—	1	1	Marlow ..	40	56	—
Beaconsfield ..	—	—	1	Frieth	1	2	—	Medmenham ..	—	3	1
Bisham ..	..	3	—	Hambledon ..	10	16	—	Slough ..	..	4	3
Burnham ..	1	1	—	High Wycombe ..	4	3	3	Stokenchurch ..	—	1	—	
Chalfont St. Peter ..	1	—	—	Lane End ..	5	1	—	Taplow ..	..	3	1
Farnham Royal ..	2	—	—	Langley ..	..	—	1	Upton Lee ..	..	1	—

OXFORDSHIRE.—Totals—In-Patients, 492 ; Out-Patients, 677 ; Casualties, 317.

	I.P.	O.P.	Cas.		I.P.	O.P.	Cas.		I.P.	O.P.	Cas.	
Assendon ..	1	—	—	Ewelme ..	2	2	—	Nuffield	—	2	—
Aston ..	1	—	—	Gallows Tree ..	..	—	—	Oxford ..	..	2	—
Benson ..	—	3	—	Common ..	8	5	9	Play Hatch ..	..	5	—
Binfield Heath ..	18	20	3	Goring ..	..	58	99	Rotherfield Greys ..	1	1	3
Bix ..	2	—	—	Goring Heath ..	16	13	8	," Peppard ..	13	23	13	
Brightwell ..	—	1	1	Harpsden ..	..	3	5	Shiplake ..	..	13	12
Cane End ..	1	1	—	Henley ..	..	146	210	Sonning Common ..	29	48	27
Chalkhouse Green ..	—	1	5	Highmoor ..	..	3	4	Stoke, N. and S. ..	19	18	4
Chazey Heath ..	—	1	—	Ipsden ..	..	7	11	Stoke Row ..	..	5	10
Checkendon ..	20	23	7	Kidmore End ..	..	25	21	Stonor ..	..	—	2
Cookley Green ..	—	1	—	Kingwood ..	..	7	10	Tokers Green ..	..	3	5
Crowmarsh ..	—	3	—	Littlemore ..	..	—	—	Whitchurch ..	..	5	15
Crowsley ..	—	2	—	Mapledurham ..	..	19	10	Woodcote ..	..	13	19
Dunsden ..	10	8	4	Nettlebed ..	..	8	20	Wyfold ..	..	3	—
Emmer Green ..	26	37	31									

SURREY.—Totals—In-Patients, 47 ; Out-Patients, 55 ; Casualties, 12.

	I.P.	O.P.	Cas.		I.P.	O.P.	Cas.		I.P.	O.P.	Cas.	
Camberley ..	38	52	10	Epsom ..	..	—	1	—	Guildford ..	..	1	—
Cookham ..	1	—	—	Farnham ..	..	3	2	—	Kingston ..	..	1	2
Egham ..	1	—	—	Frimley ..	..	1	—	West Ewell ..	..	1	—	

MISCELLANEOUS.—Totals—In-Patients, 282 ; Out-Patients, 833 ; Casualties, 229.

SERVICE In-Patients, 667 ; Out-Patients, 878 ; Casualties, 584.

SUMMARY.

		R.B.H.			BLAGRAVE BRANCH.
		I.P.	O.P.	Cas.	
READING ..	..	2,534	4,621	4,525	458
BERKSHIRE ..	..	1,987	2,930	1,571	428
HAMPSHIRE ..	..	386	563	145	76
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE		73	91	17	15
OXFORDSHIRE ..		492	677	317	109
SURREY ..	..	47	55	12	2
MISCELLANEOUS ..		282	833	229	21
O.H.M.S. ..	..	667	878	584	13
TOTALS ..		6,468	10,648	7,400	1,122

**ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL
PAYING PATIENTS BLOCK, "GREENLANDS."**

TELEPHONE : READING 2828.

"**G**REENLANDS" is primarily intended for persons of moderate means.

PATIENTS will be admitted under a member of the Medical Staff of The Hospital, and operations will be performed in the Hospital Theatres.

THE CHARGES FOR ROOMS are :—

In a two-bed room ...	...	...	£5 15 6 per week.
In a single-bed room	...	...	{ £7 17 6 £8 18 6

If a case be admitted for less than one week, the usual charges will be :—In a two-bed room, £1 per day; in a single-bed room, 26/6 or 30/- per day, according to the price of room. The minimum charge to be 2 guineas.

Patients undergoing an operation will be charged £2 2 0 for the use of the Operating Theatre. All cases admitted to "Greenlands" will be charged for Dressings, Drugs and Medicines.

The Committee have power to raise or lower the charges in exceptional cases.

MEDICAL FEES are a matter for arrangement between the patient's Medical Attendant and the Physician or Surgeon under whom the patient is to be admitted.

The following will be charged extra :—

Radium Treatment, Massage, Diathermy, Radiant Heat, Ionisation, Galvanic Bath, Faradism, Pathological Examinations, X-Ray Examinations or Treatment, Special Nursing, Orthoptic Treatment, and Electro-cardiography.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

READING (including Caversham and Tilehurst)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,942	11	9
COUNTRY (as per list below)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,563	11	9
					Total	...	...	16,506	3	6

COUNTRY.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
Aldermaston	...	26	18	6	Embrook	...	2	2	0
Aldworth	...	4	6	3	Enborne	...	15	11	
Arborfield	...	83	19	7	Emmer Green	...	40	15	6
Ashampstead	...	5	19	2	Englefield	...	34	15	4
Ashbury	...	3	16	3	Eversley	...	67	1	9
Ascot	...	19	0	Faringdon	...	7	15	0	
Assenden	...	2	2	0	Farley Hill	...	27	2	0
Aston Tirrold	...	4	9	4	Farnborough (Berks)	...	5	6	
Barkham	...	2	0	Farnborough (Hants)	...	2	2	0	
Basildon	...	28	14	9	Fawley	...	13	9	6
Basingstoke	...	268	10	0	Finchampstead	...	88	15	9
Baughurst	...	61	8	0	Fleet	...	3	2	0
Bear Wood	...	25	7	1	Frieth	...	17	1	0
Beech Hill	...	25	19	5	Frilsham	...	29	13	0
Beenham	...	12	12	0	Fyfield	...	15	6	
Binfield	...	117	4	3	Gallows Tree Common	...	13	16	7
Binfield Heath	...	403	2	0	Garston, East	...	31	13	6
Bisham	...	10	4	1	Goring	...	97	2	3
Bix	...	2	15	4	Goring Heath	...	65	4	4
Boxford	...	28	15	0	Grazeley	...	40	4	6
Bracknell	...	347	17	7	Greenham	...	24	1	0
Bradfield	...	59	18	3	Hambleden and Skirmett	...	76	10	0
Bramley	...	16	0	1	Hanney, East	...	2	12	0
Bray and Braywick	...	5	5	0	Hannington and Ibworth	...	13	10	0
Brightwalton	...	4	6		Hare Hatch	...	18	6	0
Brightwell	...	7	15	1	Harpsden	...	26	16	3
Brimpton	...	14	2	0	Hartley Wintney	...	34	12	8
Bucklebury	...	87	17	2	Harwell	...	10	0	0
Burghclere	...	8	3	0	Hawley and Blackwater	...	12	9	3
Burghfield	...	58	1	5	Heckfield	...	9	0	0
Calcot	...	82	0	9	Hendred, West	...	2	14	4
Camberley	...	20	8	3	Henley	...	207	2	10
Chaddleworth	...	3	4	11	Hermitage	...	10	7	4
Challow, East	...	15	6		Highclere	...	9	4	0
Checkendon	...	17	17	2	Highmoor	...	4	0	0
Chieveley, Curridge and Snelsmore	...	14	9	0	Hoe Benham	...	1	1	0
Cholsey and Moulsford	...	29	4	8	Hungerford	...	16	10	6
Cold Ash and Ashmore Green	...	17	10	5	Hurley	...	3	3	0
Coleshill	...	1	0	0	Hurst	...	180	8	6
Cliddesden	...	21	0	0	Ilsley	...	12	2	0
Compton (Berks)	...	34	12	7	Inkpen	...	6	1	0
Cookham	...	13	6		Ipsden	...	26	13	3
Crowthorne	...	158	11	10	Kidmore End and Cane End	...	164	11	4
Coxwell, Little	...	5	0	Kingsclere	...	75	9	0	
Donnington and Shaw	...	23	4	0	Kingston Lisle	...	4	0	
Dunsden and Play Hatch	...	17	5	9	Kintbury	...	9	3	0
Earley	...	258	18	5	Knowl Hill and Warren Row	...	21	9	1
Eastbury	...	4	14	0	Lambourn & Bockhampton	...	30	6	6
Easthampstead	...	13	11	10	Leckhampstead	...	10	0	
Ecchinswell and Sydmonton	...	3	3	0	Littlewick Green and Burchetts Green	...	22	1	11
Ellisfield	...	2	2	0					

		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
Lockinge	52	10	0	Speen ...	...	11	11	0
Longcot	1	0	0	Spencers Wood ...	...	53	17	9
Maidenhead	28	1	0	Stanford Dingley ...	...	4	3	6
Mapledurham	31	12	9	Stanford-in-the-Vale ...	...	1	10	0
Marcham	2	2	0	Stockcross ...	...	2	0	0
Marlow	19	0	6	Stoke Row ...	...	18	5	6
Marlston	16	9	7	Stratfieldsaye ...	...	5	5	0
Mattingley	10	2	1	Stratfield Turgis ...	...	10	6	
Medmenham	13	14	3	Streatley ...	...	238	7	4
Midgham	25	10	9	Sulham ...	...	18	2	1
Monk Sherborne, Pamber and Little London	13	3	0	Sulhamstead ...	...	43	12	2
Moreton, South ...	...	7	6	Sunningdale ...	...	7	4	8	
Mortimer and Mortimer Common	162	2	7	Sunninghill ...	...	6	9	7
Mortimer West End	24	4	3	Swallowfield and Riseley ...	...	16	16	10
Nettlebed	25	15	11	Swyncombe ...	...	5	2	0
Newbury	181	4	9	Tadley ...	...	26	6	0
North Stoke	2	12	0	Taplow ...	...	2	0	0
Nuffield	105	7	2	Thatcham and Crookham ...	...	80	10	8
Odiham	6	6	0	Theale ...	...	69	8	6
Old Basing	5	2	0	Three Mile Cross ...	...	4	0	0
Oxford	1	1	0	Twyford and Ruscombe ...	...	143	3	7
Padworth	7	17	4	Ufton Nervet ...	...	5	5	6
Pangbourne and Tidmarsh	...	156	2	3	Upton Grey ...	...	4	3	0
Peasemore ...	...	5	0	Wallingford ...	...	48	1	11	
Pinkney's Green ...	...	27	6	Waltham St. Lawrence ...	...	134	8	8	
Pishill	3	12	6	Warborough ...	...	3	3	0
Purley	17	16	10	Warfield ...	...	14	17	7
Ramsdell	7	17	0	Wargrave and Crazies Hill ...	...	119	18	4
Remenham	61	0	10	Wasing ...	...	3	12	6
Rotherfield Greys	92	17	6	Welford ...	...	5	0	0
Rotherfield Peppard	65	11	9	Whitchurch (Oxon) ...	...	66	11	2
Rotherwick	5	5	0	White Waltham ...	...	3	12	0
Sandhurst	49	5	4	Windsor ...	...	29	10	0
Sherborne St. John	31	5	0	Winkfield ...	...	6	16	0
Sherfield-on-Loddon ...	...	18	0	Winnersh ...	...	225	15	9	
Shinfield	106	5	10	Wittenham, Long ...	...	4	4	0
Shiplake	26	1	2	Wokingham ...	...	483	2	10
Shrivenham	2	2	6	Wolverton and Ewehurst ...	...	3	3	4
Shurlock Row	36	11	3	Woodcote ...	...	5	15	5
Silchester	18	18	10	Woodhay ...	...	2	2	0
Sindlesham	10	19	0	Woodley ...	...	48	5	1
Sonning	123	17	9	,, (Miles Aircraft, Ltd.) ...	...	98	6	6
Sonning Common	22	15	1	Woolhampton ...	...	38	5	5
Sotwell	7	7	0	Wootton ...	...	10	0	
South Stoke	60	12	11	Yateley and Darby Green ...	...	10	17	4
South Warnborough ...	...	3	6	Yattendon ...	...	76	17	3	
				Yorktown ...	...	5	12	5	
				Outside the District ...	...	603	6	10	

HONORARY LIFE GOVERNORS.

1929. EGGLETON, G. T., 41, Prince of Wales Avenue, Reading.
 1929. MORLEY, H. T., J.P., 312, Kings Road, Reading.
 1931. TIMS, F., 10, St. Anne's Road, Caversham.
 1946. CORNELL, Mrs., 20, Northumberland Avenue, Reading.

LIFE GOVERNOR.

1945. H. SYDNEY WRIGHT, (Solicitor), 18, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C.1.
 (Sir W. F. JURY, deceased).

Progress of the Contributory Scheme 1924-1945

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Income.</i>	<i>Membership.</i>
1924	£19,599	36,818
1925	£22,562	40,940
1926	£24,181	44,066
1927	£24,153	49,691
1928	£27,452	52,728
1929	£29,911	59,915
1930	£31,137	64,660
1931	£32,257	67,173
1932	£35,659	70,674
1933	£37,094	72,446
1934	£39,650	75,663
1935	£41,294	79,319
1936	£42,770	83,875
1937	£44,075	84,639
1938	£45,619	87,021
1939	£46,576	87,726
1940	£49,880	86,985
1941	*£53,783	89,740
1942	*£67,216	93,213
1943	*£70,639	96,180
1944	*£71,543	96,892
1945	*£70,840	94,280

* This figure does not include the amount received from the Private Patients' Schemes.

SOME WAYS OF HELPING THE HOSPITAL :

1. Become an Annual Subscriber.
2. Sign a Deed of Covenant to give the Hospital the benefit of the tax on your subscription.
3. Send a donation on the anniversary of a memorable event in your life.
4. Name a Bed in perpetuity for £1,000.
5. Name a Cot in perpetuity for £500.
6. Remember the Hospital in your will.
7. Organise a Concert, Whist Drive or Dance in aid of the Hospital funds.
8. Send gifts of Fruit, Vegetables, Eggs, Groceries and Tinfoil.
9. Take a collecting box.
10. Encourage your employees to become members of the Contributory Scheme.
11. Speak well of the Hospital to your friends.
12. Come and see the Hospital.
(If you send your name to the House Governor he will arrange to include you in a conducted tour on a Saturday afternoon.)

**Will those who receive a copy of
this Report kindly pass it on to a
friend with a view to increasing
interest in the work of the Hospital.**